

REMARKS

Claims 16, 17, 21-25 and 27-30 are pending. Claims 16-20 were rejected, and claims 21-25 and 27-30 were indicated to be allowed. While Applicants do not agree with the rejections of claims 16-20, to expedite issuance, claims 16 and 17 have been amended without prejudice to depend from allowed claims 21 and 22, and so are also submitted to be allowable, and claims 18-20 have been canceled without prejudice thus mooting the rejections. Claim 27 has been amended to correct a typographical error. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

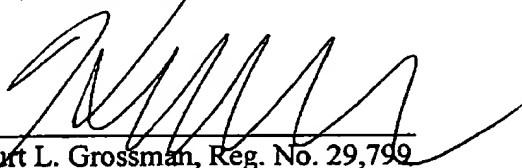
No fee is believed due with this submission. However, if any additional fee or surcharges are deemed due, please charge same or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions or remaining issues. An Associate Power of Attorney has previously been submitted in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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